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latter place there are, almost continuously, suspect yellow fever cases under observation. In Progreso the following deaths were recorded: Entero-colitis, 2; malaria, 2; pernicious fever, 1; athrepsia, 1; exhaustion, 1; in all, 7; 1 daily.

Bills of health have been issued as follows:

May 6, steamship *Havana*, to New York via Habana; crew 96, passengers, from Progreso, 108 to Habana and New York. May 10, steamship Alm; Mobile; crew 22.

May 11, steamship Galveston; Texas City; crew 21, passengers 3. May 12, sailing vessel Gertrude A. Bartlett; Gulfport; crew 7.

Report from Tampico-Inspection of vessels-Sanitary conditions-Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, May 15, as follows:

Week ended May 13, 1905: Steamships inspected and passed, 4; one of these 4 failed to sail. Inspected and passed personnel (crew) 229; passengers, 38; fumigated and passed, steamships, 4. One fumigation by Cuban medical officer, certified by myself, another fumigated by the Cuban medical officer, making 6 steamships, of the

8 sailing from this port during the week fumigated.
Shipping continues good. The consul's report shows a gain of about 10 per cent in bills of health issued from January 1 to May 13, 1905, over the corresponding time of last year, while my report of vessels fumigated shows a gain of nearly 40 per cent. The sanitary situation remains unchanged from last week; perhaps the conditions are a little more favorable. While the stegomyiæ are found to be breeding, the excessive heat and dry weather seem to kill them, so that they have not increased in any appreciable numbers during the last week or perhaps two weeks. Anopheles also appear to be fewer.

Mortuary report, week ended May 13, 1905.—Thoracic aneurism, 1; alcoholism, 2; organic heart disease, 1; pneumonia, 1; rachitis, 1; pernicious fever, 2; tuberculosis, 3; enteric fever, 1; drowned, 1;

anemia, 1; abscess, 1; total, 15. Mortality rate, 39.

Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellowfever cases at Tierra Blanca.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 13, as follows: Week ended May 6, 1905. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 9; vessels fumigated with sulphur to kill mosquitoes, 1; crew inspected and passed, 314; passengers inspected and passed, 125.

No quarantinable disease was reported at Veracruz for the week. Four cases of yellow fever were under treatment at the end of the week at Tierra Blanca, a small town 57 miles south of Veracruz.

## NICARAGUA.

## Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended May 11, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths reported; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

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By order of governor, Bluefields quarantines against New Orleans, Costa Rican ports, and Republic of Panama. The proclamation was read on May 10 in streets, and takes effect May 18.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.
May 7	Dictator Alabama	20 19	0 3	0	0

## PANAMA.

Reports from Colon—Yellow fever in Colon and Panama—Inspection of vessels—Increase of mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, May 8 and 13 as follows: Since my last report, dated May 4, 1905, the following new cases of yellow fever have been officially reported in Panama: A. P., Englishman; taken sick April 28; reported and admitted to Ancon Hospital April 29. R. S., American; taken sick April 30; reported and admitted to Ancon Hospital April 30. R. W., American; taken sick May 1; reported and admitted to Ancon Hospital May 1; died May 6, 1905.

The following case has been reported in Colon: J. W., American; taken sick April 28; admitted to hospital (Colon) April 28; reported as yellow fever May 6, 1905.

The infection in this last case was contracted in Colon, the patient not having been in Panama.

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Since my last report, May 8, the chief sanitary officer has reported 10 new cases of yellow fever, with 1 death. The majority of these cases are in the persons of clerks in the employ of the Canal Commission.

Several cases that have been under observation in the Colon hospital were seen yesterday by the board of diagnosis and 5 of them pronounced to be yellow fever. These cases were all taken sick within a few days of each other, but no relation between them or with any other case has been established. However, a certain restaurant or bar frequented by Americans is regarded as a focus from which one or two of the cases originated, and the necessary precautions are being taken.

The rainy season having now set in and the trade winds abated, mosquitoes are leaving their hiding places and are everywhere abundant. An important fact is that the docks at which vessels discharge their cargoes are in close proximity to the hotels and lodging houses.

Yellow-fever cases and deaths to date on the 1sthmus of Panama.

The following is received through Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr, from the department of health under date of May 12, 1905:

Cases on the Isthmus from July 1, 1904, to May 1, 1905, 61; deaths, 22.